... "Another Love Story..."

A tall man in light rain coat and a neutral-tinted girl climbed the steps of a red stone mansion. The house looked to be untenanted. The halls echoed with unfurnished nudity as the two entered. They walked familiarly into an oblong room, which was as barren as the hall, with the exception that it contained a small imitation mahogany table and two uncertain chairs.

The girl laughed half hysterically as she removed her hat and sat down, resting both elbows on the table.

over the stage. "Our den of thieves seems remarkably fit this evening, dear. It chimes in with my mood. Perhaps it's because this is the last time." that is peculiar!" There was an uneasy stir through the house. Mademoiselle Secard paus-

The man stared moodily at the white wall. "So you mean what you say: you are going to quit?"

The girl went rather white and nodded her head. "It's the only thing we can do; you must see that. I can't live this way, with turbulent quarrels and tempestuous reconciliations. I can't do it. It's better to end it-better for both of us. You couldn't make things right, and somehow I seem to

have developed a conscience of late.' There was a rush for the exits. The smoke began pouring from the heavy drop curtain. Hallie and Rheicard were The man tapped a call bell on the table and a diminutive Chinaman amstanding on their chairs. bled through the open door. The man "It is nothing serious," he said, raising his voice to be heard above the din. "Don't be alarmed. We will and the woman ordered chop sooy and

"See here, Hallie, I can't stand this." The man's face was smooth and boyish, but it was lined with emotion as he spoke.

" I can't live without you. Think of all we have been to each other for two years. Why did I leave all the set I knew and take the flat with our little red parlor, if it wasn't to see more of where you are." All this he was comyou? Do you remember our Sunday luncheons when you would come out early and make those wonderful dishes on our little gas stove? You couldn't reach up to fasten the tubes on the gas jet, and I always had to lift you—"
"Yes," she interrupted, eagerly,
"and how clumsy you were and how you used to crumple my clean shirt waist. And do you remember when old Eben, the janitor, would come in with the beer, he would stop and talk when we were dying for him to go? How many pirates did he say he had killed with one shot—forty?"

They both laughed. "Yes, and that night you thought you were going to be fired from the paper and wanted a 'scoop'; how we had burglars in the building and went out and treated the policeman on the beat so he would swear to it? Have you got the official belt buckle that he gave you? Ah, but those were good old days! Hallie, how can you forget

All enthusiasm died from her face as his words brought her back to the present. She sat up very straight. "At first," she said slowly, "I just loved you and never thought of anything else. I went on and on, and gradually I couldn't see my future. Always before I thought I would be something of a writer. But after you came I always seemed to see you in-stead of success. Perhaps if I had belonged to some one, you would not have filled every crevice as you did; but I didn't, you know. There wasn't a soul who cared, unless it was the people to whom I paid my board. And then after a while --- God, can't you see? You went on telling me that you loved me and couldn't live without me, but still you did not say a word about about making things right. And all the time I knew that one could love you as I loved you. And yet that awful dread began to come over me of the ultimate woman—the woman you must meet some day."

" Hallie, child, he broke out impetuously, "it isn't my fault. I swear it You don't understand." "Oh, yes," she sighed wearily. "I

do understand and that is what gives me the strength to break with you." The little, one-sided Chinaman brought in the chop scoy and lighted a single gas jet, which spluttered from the wind blowing through a broken pane in the window. The interruption in some occult way seemed to place them out of sympathy. The girl's voice took on a serious tone. The man grew impatient.

"I have an engagement at 8 o'clock," she said suddenly. "We must be going. Besides we gain nothing by talking things over."

They walked to the car. "This the first time you have ever left me this way," he said, as they stood on the corner awaiting the approaching tram. "Who is the man?" "One of my craft, the new dramatic

editor from New York." "Oh, I see, and he is the cause of your new departure?" " Perhaps."

"I wish you prosperity, Miss Doyle. This is your car, I believe. Shall I ride down town with you?" He was always most punctilious when about to

lose his temper.

"No, Carl, it is better to part now. Good-bye, good-bye, Carl." She reached out her hand half pleadingly; her resolution was wavering. If he had spoken her name then she would have turned back; but man like, he remembered only her reference to the other man.

Ernest Rheicard, the new dramatic editor, was an iron gray man well in his forties. His hair was sprinkled as if to match his eyes, which were steady of to match his eyes, which were steady womanly func-and uncommunicative, like two little tion is establishpools of water. He was very sure of himself. He had met Hallie Doyle but twice when he determined that she was the woman for him! He told her this that night between the first and sacond and there is need of woman to him!

night between the first and second acts of "I'Aiglon."

"I want you to be my wife, my comrade," he said in his low, even volce. "I had never expected to marry upless I found a woman whom I there is need of wo manly care and caution. It is girlish ignorance or neglect at this critical timewhich often results in long. I found a woman whom I thought could be both to me and until I met you that seemed doubtful. I believe I appreciate you. You have been casting your pearls before swine; have been associated with those unworthy of you. I shall make it my one study, next to my profession, to bring out what is great in you. I know that you care for me and I only want your as-

She turned the leaves of her program and her mouth twitched convulsively. So he knew she cared for him. Such

"You understand there was some

one else—" she began.
"I care nothing for what has been.
Whatever process has made you what you are must have been a good one.
I always know what I want, and I want you. Will you be my wife,

straight in the eyes. In her heart the

This man beside her, mentally accomplished, good to look upon, and with the dignity of high thought, was asking her to be his wife; and yet with the perverseness of fate, she knew that all the joy of living had gone with her farewell to the other man. She compared the two as she sat there in the theatre. Carl Saunders, the idler, undisciplined and spoiled. Extravagant of time and goods, and carried away by his ever ready sympathy, he swung through life easily, heedless of deeper problems of living. When difficulties confronted him he was frankly and helplessly puzzled. It was this boyish incompetency which appealed to the maternal instinct of wo-

ed and looked about her uncertainly.

"What is the matter," asked Hallie, alarmed. "Is there a fire?"

As she spoke the curtain was sudden-

ly rung down, and an immaculate man

in evening dress was addressing the

audience assuringly. There was a

slight conflagration back of the stage The speaker was scarcely heard. Wo-

men screamed and some fainted.

wait until these cattle regain their

Hallie was coughing with the smoke, but she was unperturbed by it.

"Hallie, I must go behind the

scenes. An interview with Secard at

such a time would be invaluable. You

will not be afraid? Just stand quietly

pelled to shout, for the confusion had

For a moment the girl looked after her escort bewildered. She could

scarcely realize that he meant to leave

her alone at such a time. The aloof-

ness of the man's mentality appalled

her. Then some one from behind her

jostled against her chair, and she fell

forward, catching the back of the seat

in front. She crouched there, between

the chairs to keep from being trampled

on, and lay very quietly while the place became black with smoke.

Presently the noise subsided some

straightened up with difficulty and peered through the smoke.

The place was quite deserted. Presently she saw two men talking excited-ly midway up the aisle. Hallie stag-

gered toward them. Simultaneously

they saw her, and both uttered her

his name as she had done that day at

uation-everything, their lips met,

She

what. Her head felt dizzy.

increased.

your head is a friend. men. Hallie Doyle realized his limita-tions and loved him for them, at the same time grieving over them.

The curtain had swung back on the battlefield scene. A soft haze hung "Yes, it is smoke, I was right," her \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists. companion was saying. "By jove,

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Saw Trouble Ahead of his People and Preferred to Remain With Them.

week in Richland County there were several good speeches, including one from Col. U. R. Brooks, of Columbia, who took occasion to read an unpublished letter from Gen. Wade Hampton, which was written to Gen. R. E Lee thirty-six years ago, accompanied by a report of the cavalry operations in Virginia during the last campaign of Lee's army. These documents are of historic value and importance, and the letter shows the unselfish spirit of the great cavalty leader, Gen. Wade Hampton, and his devotion to the people of South Carolina. His let-

ter is as follows: COLUMBIA, S. C., July 21, 1866. My Dear General: I have just returned from Mississippi, where I have been since last December trying to in order to prepare for you the paper you desired. Most of my old officers have sent me memorandums or reports, Lee give me their reports, which have been promised, I shall be prepared to make out a report for you. How long a paper do you desire? A mere mem-orandum giving only actions and dates can be compressed into a very few pages, but to enter into details would perhaps fill fifty or sixty manuscript pages. I wish to make what I prepare for you conform entirely to your purposes and wishes, so I hope that you will not hesitate to let me know precisely what you would prefer. I have nothing to do this summer, and it would give me great pleasure to contribute all in my power to the success of your undertaking. And it will be a pleasure, though a melancholy one, to

which sealed the sudden reconciliation. The fireman was calling to them roughly. The other man had disappeared. As they stepped into a carriage some distance from the line of engines surounding the theatre, Hallie broke the silence for the first time. "He was Rheicard; you were talk-with Ernest Rheicard."

name how came him to leave you?" the theatre?"

"I had been watching you from the whose good opinion is worth anything, line between Hankow and Canton up back of our box all the evening. Hallie, some compensation for your le saw it in his face and in yours. Tell Yankees, though they write history, me, were you—could you be guilty of cannot make the world believe it, and your sacrifices. Thank God,

She did not answer. Carl put his fought in vain.

I hope your noble old commonhead out of the window and gave some directions to the driver.

helplessly. He drew her toward him tenderly. "To a priest, Hallie. I all I should assuredly make my home in ways meant it so, only I didn't quite Virginia, but I cannot forsake a peoknow it. You see I was so satisfied just to have you with me in the old days that I did not think it possible Are your family well? I know that I could lose you. Are you satisfied to go, dear?"

He reached out and turned her face to the light, dropping his hands limply I shall be most happy to hear from as he did so, with an exclamation half of awe, half adoration; for in that moment the woman came to a full realization of the greatness of her love; her face had caught something of the supernal, and the man fell back abashed at it.

Mother---I suppose voor fathe doesn't mean to do it, but he tries my patience very hard at times. Daughtei-Oh, I think papa is pretty good man.

Mother-He is, my dear; but it is hard to think that after we have been married twenty years he still occasionally talks back.

GIRL WOMEN.

The general standard of measurement The general standard of measurement for womanhood is "grown-up-ness." When a girl is emancipated from school and arrives at the dignity of trailing skirts and elaborate hair dressing she is

looked upon as a young woman. But nature

time which often results in long years of after misery. Mothers who

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up the whole system.

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FULL MEASURE OF THE MAN

At a Confederate reunion held last

collect the fragments of my property. During my stay there, I have endeav-ured to procure all the data possible and when Genls. Fitz and William name and sprang toward her. One of them was Carl. She saw him only and reached out her hand to him, calling the car. For a moment they clung to each other like children; and igroning the other man, the danger of their sitcolors to the last. You must bear in mind though, my dear general, that I am not reconstructed yet, and in what I shall write every word will be dictated by Southern feelings and come from a Southern heart. "I'll not disown a single pulse-throb, nor a single breath." It has been one of my pleasantest anticipations that I should have "I found him searching for you as I and if I can possibly accomplish this was doing," said Carl. "In heaven's purpose you may be sure that I shall purpose you may be sure that I shall and if I can possibly accomplish this "How came you to know I was in the theatre?"

"I had been watching you from the

ome directions to the driver.
"Where are we going?" she asked wounds she received. Could I leave ple who have given me so many proofs

time will prove that you have not

Are your family well? I know how and how little time you have to answer them, but if you find lessure to write, you. This will be my address until October. Gen. Beauregard, who has been offered two positions in the European war, one a command of 100,rank of major general, if he concludes to accept. But whilst appreciating his confidence, I have declined. I shall never draw my sword again except for my own country. I saw Long. street in New Orleans and he spoke

With best wishes for your happiness General R. E. Lee.

SHOULD WATER BE FREE .- The charging the cost in the tax budget. J. W. Keegan, one of its councilmen is anxious that other cities should fol-

these reasons for declaring it to be the only equitable system of supply: It is more economical because the cost of accounting and collecting is abolished; it saves the consumer the annoyance of the rate collectors' cailing; it is a strong incentive to beautifications of the city, for householders no longer grudge water for lawns and gardens; it is not wasteful because the consumer never believes that his payment is fixed by his consumption, and it benefits the very poor and by en-couraging them to be cleanly keeps the

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These bonds are for the purpose of completing the railroad between Hankow and Canton. It will be a matter of several months before the bonds can be engraved and ready for delivery, and it is hardly considered probable that the transaction involving their sale will be completed within a year.
There is, therefore, little indication of
any very active physical work in the completion of the new road under the direct stimulus of the bond issue.

It cannot be learned whether the en-

ment.

tire issue of bonds will be taken in this country or whether European subscriptions will be invited. considered probable, however, that the issue will have an international character, as the board of directors of the American China Development Company has foreign members. The necessary funds with which to begin the practical work of building the first section of road were subscribed by the stockholders some months ago and were deposited with J. P. Morgan &

The new bonds are a gold issue bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. and running for fifty years. A highly important feature of the enterprise is the large amount of supplies which will be required. It has been authoritatively stated that the bulk of contracts for such supplies will be placed in this country, this being the cheapest market. The railroad is to be virtually a con-

tinuation of the Lu Han line, the objective point of which is Hankow, which has been aptly described as "the Chicago of China." Although divided from the adjoining town of Hanyang by the Han river and from Wu Chang, which is the capital of the province, by the waters of the Yang Tse, Hankow constitutes, with its neighboring cities, one great center of population, numbering considerably over 2,000,000 souls. But when a rail road has reached Hankow at a distance of 650 miles from Pekin, it has barely traversed half the breadth of China from north to south.

It is at this point that the American China Development Company will take up the work of construction, continuing the road from Hankow, or, properly speaking, from Wu Chang, on the southern bank of the Yang Tse southward to Canton. Connecting with the Lu Han line, under construction by a Belgian syndicate and, apparently, having a friendly under-standing with the projectors of that enterprise, the American line will furnish the southern section with a great trunk road extending from the capital to Canton, the great port on the China

pay the last tribute in my power to those brave men who stuck to their northern arm of which joins with the Manchurian branch of the trans-Siberian road from the neighborhood of New Chwang. Direct rail communi-cation will thus be provided between Canton and the great capitals of Eu-The provinces to be traversed by the American line have a popula ion twice as great as that of the United States and are as rich, both in agricultural and in mineral wealth. The products of an important coal mining region in the province of Ha Nan and other demands of local traffic will require the construction of branch. to about 900 miles.

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WOMEN AS POULTRY RAISERS .-Women and hens have some traits in common, and from a close observation of the feathered fowl an aphoristic lore has sprung up which the unkind man uses with an open hand much troubled you must be by letters when talking to his women folks. How often a short-tempered spouse tells his wife that she looks like a wet hen: that she cackles like a hen; that she jumps about like a hen without her brood. These are but a few of the charges flung at the head of the longsuffering wife. Whistling girls and crowing hens have been classed to-000 men, has written to offer me the crowing hens have been classed to-command of all his cavalry, with the gether, and where is the irreverent man who does not call a gathering of

women a "hen party?" Perhaps because they have some strange sympathetic bonds, or maybe for some occult reason, too deep for man to fathom, women are and always much of you. Alexander you know is have been extremely successful in the here. Pray remember me to your poultry business. In many households in the suburbs of most large American cities the woman of the house supplies and prosperity, I am, my dear general, very respectfully and sincerely your friend, WADE HAMPTON.

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